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Tax Commission files felony charges against auto parts businessman

The Utah State Tax Commission criminally charged a Sandy businessman with six felony counts of tax evasion-related charges.

The State believes Matthew Justin Reid, 40, owes more than \$500,000 in stolen trust funds, including penalties and interest.

He was criminally charged in 3rd District Court Monday with six counts of third and second degree felonies including tax evasion, racketeering and unlawful dealing by a fiduciary.

Reid operated several auto accessory businesses for several years, most recently doing business as Star Automotive, says Charlie Roberts, Tax Commission spokesman.

While operating these businesses, the Tax Commission alleges he collected sales taxes and withheld his employees' payroll taxes, but used these trust funds for his personal and/or business purposes instead of remitting them to the State.

The investigation, conducted by the criminal investigation unit of the Tax Commission, is being prosecuted by the Utah Attorney General's Office.

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